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FROM: Richard T. Kennedy

TO: Colonel Guay

FOR: General Haig

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The President has just called and asked the following message be passed to Mr. Kissinger:

BEGIN TEXT

I know how difficult these negotiations are and I have every confidence in your judgment and ability to bring this to a successful conclusion if at all possible. We must adhere to the honorable course and the negotiating Option 2, which you recommended, is just that.

END TEXT.

The President then asked Mr. Kissinger's judgment on the following:

-- Whether we should alert Admiral Moorer to be ready to move immediately. He would do this so that no time would be lost after a break but only if this would not be harmful to the negotiating situation there. He would do it if it could be in anyway helpful. He realizes that most of the forces are already in place and thus it could only give a limited visible signal. But when alert was issued the word

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would get out and send a signal in that way.

-- Whether it would be useful to delay the next meeting for two days instead of one as Mr. Kissinger is now considering and in the interim for Mr. Kissinger to return for consultation. He realizes that this would be a strain on Mr. Kissinger and would generate intense press speculation. On the other hand he suggests that it would be a further evidence of the painstaking and serious way in which all issues and positions have been examined and discussed.

The President emphasized that as to both of these thoughts he only wanted Mr. Kissinger's judgment and would rely on it.

Warm regards.